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TO THE POLITICAL BUREAUS OF THE SECTIONS AND
SYMPATHIZING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

Lisbon, 10/17/75

LIGA COMUNISTA INTERNACIONALISTA
(sympathizing organization of the Fourth International)

Comrades:

During the LCI Central Committee meeting of October 4, Comrades Duret and Aubin informed us that two comrades from the leadership should take part in the meeting of European political bureaus at Brussels. They also stated that they would be able to cover the costs of the trip.

Consequently, the Central Committee unanimously appointed two comrades for this purpose.

At the time of the SWP convention, Comrade Aubin insisted to the leadership that it was necessary for a comrade from the LCI to go to the United States, regardless of the difficulties involved, in view of the fact that a discussion of Portugal was on the agenda.

Later, after the August 25 agreement, Comrade Aubin phoned from Brussels several times, and also sent a plane ticket so that a comrade from the Executive Committee could go to the United Secretariat meeting to explain the LCI's positions.

In the first instance, a comrade from the Central Committee was sent to the United States, but it turned out to be impossible for the designated comrade to proceed to Brussels.

Now the Central Committee has decided to appoint two comrades specifically and in advance, so the two instances referred to will not be repeated.

However, curiously, this time Comrade Aubin did not display the same extraordinary activity that had allowed the Central Committee comrade who attended the SWP convention to leave on time.

Informed three days later that all the bureaucratic matters (obtaining a passport, military permission, etc.) were already in order and that there were no more obstacles to the trip to Brussels, Comrade Aubin the next day told a different comrade from the Executive Committee that there was no money to cover the expenses of the trip for the LCI representative.

As you know, and is easily understood, the LCI does not have financial resources at its disposal that would allow it to cover these expenses. That is the only reason why we were not present and were not able to explain our perspectives on the situation in Portugal and on the intervention of the Portuguese revolutionary Marxists directly to the comrades of the Political Bureaus of the European sections.

However, we wish to inform you that we are ready to take part in the international debate. We were unable to take advantage of the enormous financial possibilities offered by the Rouge festival (fortunately the International's financial crisis is not a generalized one) because there was an enlarged meeting of the Central Committee on October 18.

The article Comrades Udry and Michaloux wrote for Inprecor no. 35 (October 9) compels us to take the time to inform all the comrades of all the sections and sympathizing organizations of the International about our positions and about the true facts. This article by Udry and Michaloux violently attacks the FUR, sometimes correctly, but omits in a sectarian and incomprehensible manner the LCI's positions and our own criticisms with respect to the other organizations of the FUR. It speaks of a meeting between the FUR and Otelo [de Carvalho] which it describes falsely, and forgets (!) to mention the fact that we were not present. It reports the FUR's meetings with Pinheiro de Azevedo, but does not report that we attended only as observers and that we made public criticisms of these two interviews which, furthermore, the press publicized widely, especially the meeting with Pinheiro de Azevedo.

As you can see, correct information about what is going on in Portugal for the comrades of the International is becoming a basic, immediate task. Unfortunately, the work of Comrades Aubin and Duret by no means relieves our concern. On the contrary, they make it more severe.

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE LCI

for the Executive Committee,
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